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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, PINS, LY, US

SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE ALLEGES AMERICAN INVOLVED  
IN ASSASSINATION SQUAD, ILLEGAL ARMS FOR LIBYA

1. WASHINGTON POST APRIL 12 FRONT-PAGED ARTICLE LINKING  
FBI INVESTIGATION OF MURDER LAST YEAR IN WASHINGTON OF  
FORMER CHILEAN AMBASSADOR WITH EX-CIA AGENT EDWIN P. WILSON  
WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS UNDER CONTRACT TO LIBYAN GOVERNMENT FOR  
OTHER AND UNRELATED OPERATIONS. ARTICLE CLAIMS WILSON WAS  
TO RECRUIT CUBANS TO ASSASSINATE A LIBYAN OPPONENT OF  
COL. QADHAFI WHO "HAD EXILED HIMSELF TO EGYPT" AND THAT  
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HE SUPPLIED LIBYAN GOVERNMENT WITH DETONATION DEVICES  
CALLED "TIMING PENCILS" IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITY "TO SUPPORT  
TERRORIST ACTIVITY FOR THE REST OF THE CENTURY."

2. TEXT OF ARTICLE BEING CABLED TO ADDRESSEES (EXCEPT  
ROME) AS USINFO; COPIES BEING POUCHED. MATTER WAS NOT  
RAISED AT NOON PRESS BRIEFING.

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## Message Attributes

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